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## JUSTIFICATION FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION DUE TO SOLE SOURCE REQUIREMENT

### REQUIRED INFORMATION

1. FACILITY NUMBER-NAME- CITY, STATE: 583-RLR VAMC- Indianapolis, IN
2. VISN OR PROGRAM ACTIVITY: 11
3. POC NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER: Rebecca Marcus, 988-4142
4. PROPOSED ACTION: Sole Source Procurement of *COMMODITY*
5. DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENT: *Purchase of backup implant items for Synthes Orthopedic Sets to be used to repair fractures. This procurement is to set up the inventory necessary to comply with set standardization requirements. The setting up of this inventory allows for immediate re-stock of implants that are needed for patient care and will streamline inventory replenishment.*
  - Supplies/Equipment: Technical Characteristics can include, but are not limited to model, make, part number, color, size, quantity, delivery date, etc. Services: Refer to the statement of work, statement of objective, or performance work statement for your description.
6. STATUTORY AUTHORITY PERMITTING OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION: *Only One Responsible Source Available*
  - FAR 6.302-1 Only one responsible source and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements
  - FAR 8.405-6 Limited sources justification and approval
  - FAR 13.106-1(B) SAP Requirements – Soliciting From a Single Source
  - This is a reference to the part of the Federal Acquisition Regulation that allows an item to be purchased without being fully competed. This statement serves as a point of reference in case the justification is questioned. In this case, it would be reviewed for its relativity to this part of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.
7. NATURE & BACKGROUND OF ACQUISITION TO JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE: *This procurement is to standardize Orthopedic sets in an effort to ensure patient safety. VA physicians have utilized Synthes for their sets and are most familiar with the items within those sets; the cost of retraining VA staff to use another vendor's Orthopedic set would far outweigh the cost savings of creating this inventory. In order to create a backup inventory system all the items must be purchased from Synthes, no other vendor items can be used in these particular sets as Synthes will not validate sets that are not 100% their product, all sets must be validated in order to use them on Veterans.*
  - Describe the minimum salient characteristics that will meet your needs. This is the area where you explain why no other vendor anywhere can supply this requirement for you. Acceptable reasons for "sole source" include (but are not limited to): bound by contract, technical order specification, warranty service, or regional standardization. If the reason for sole source is determined locally, offer what market research or clinical guidelines led to the decision. If this item is included in an allowance standard for War Reserve Materiel (WRM), cite the allowance standard, required source, and stock number for this item. NOTE FOR WRM PURCHASES: The Defense Logistics Agency is your primary source for WRM equipment. Be sure to determine availability from a DLA item manager before contracting for WRM equipment. If DLA cannot meet your timelines for WRM equipment, your urgency may be further justification for other than full and open competition. See your Medical Logistics Flight Commander for more details.
8. PROVIDE INFORMATION SHOWING MARKET RESEARCH WAS CONDUCTED: *Market Research was conducted to verify if any other vendor could supply the implant items needed for this standardization effort. Synthes will not validate sets where the implant items were not procured from them. Sets must be validated and no vendor will validate another vendor's set.*
  - This justification is for why no other vendor anywhere can supply your item or service and still meet your needs. Your rationale for barring other vendors is crucial to your justification. If you already cited the statutory

reason for a sole source, state, "See paragraph 7". If your rationale for a sole source purchase was determined locally, offer an explanation of the source selection process you went through to determine your sole source requirement. Unacceptable reasons include (but are not limited to) personal taste, good relationship with existing vendor, or one's comfort level with a particular vendor.

- Describe the similarities and differences in vendors for the product that you are aware of that could assist or prevent the purchaser from obtaining the best value for you. Be sure to name the vendors. This section will help the purchaser decide which vendors are available to purchase this item from. If market research was not conducted, state it AND the reason that there was no market research.

9. PRICE ANALYSIS "FAIR AND REASONABLE": *Vendor quote attached is for \$207,182.45. We purchased exactly these items over the past 12 months - at an additional cost of \$61,000.00 which was the postage for ordering and sending us one or two items at a time over a year.*

- This section is mandatory. Do not leave this section blank. Even though this must be purchased from only one source, you must still obtain a quote from the vendor for this purchase. This way you are able to verify added costs for delivery, your geographic region, or installation. Cite the pricing here. If you purchased this item before, compare this price to what you paid last time. Cite this here as well.

10. LISTING OF SOURCES EXPRESSING INTEREST IN THIS REQUIREMENT: *Synthes USA Sales, LLC. 1690 Russell Road Paoli, PA 19301. Ryan Lanning*

- Enter or attach contact information for sources you cited in the description of your source selection. If sole source by statute, regulation, or standard, list contact information for that source here.

11. FUTURE ACTION TO OVERCOME BARRIER TO OTFOC: *This is a one time purchase to create a full inventory, should another inventory system need to be purchased in the future other vendors will be contacted for trial/demonstration to consider their items.*

- This section fulfills the legal requirement to affirm that the selection of a singular source for this requirement is an anomaly and that action will be taken in the future to ensure full competition in the future. The reason this is needed is to describe how the government will make an effort in the future to fully comply with standard acquisition practices and not resort to creating unnecessary partnerships with few vendors at the risk barring full competition to circumvent the FAR. By signing this, you are telling the contracting officer to avoid the processes that assure best value and fairness in this acquisition. If the reason for sole source purchase is because of statute, standard, or regulation, enter "THE SOURCE FOR THIS PURCHASE IS REQUIRED IAW [cite the standard here]."

SUBMITTED BY:

Signature: 

Department/Requestor

Date: 10/19/12

SIGNED BY:

Signature: 

Warranted Contracting Officer

Date: 11/20/12

APPROVED BY:

Signature: 

NCM or Product Line Supervisor

Date: Nov 20, 2012

Note: Anything that is over 500K will need to strictly follow the SOP J&A Attachment.